

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant's Agent would like to thank Examiner Lamprecht for his time during the telephone interview of April 20, 2010, in which we discussed the third paragraph of page 4 of the outstanding Office Action. Examiner Lamprecht agreed that Claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of Claim 1 (rejected base claim) and any intervening claims. Examiner Lamprecht agreed that there is no rejection of Claims 206 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph set forth in the Office Action.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended, and Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1-17 are pending.

Claim rejections under 35 USC § 103

The Office Action dated 10/16/2009 rejected claims 1, 7, 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentley et al (Measurement of Renal Perfusion and Blood Flow with FCT) in view of Lerman et al (Review of X-Ray Imaging to Study Renal Function). Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentley et al, in view of Lerman et al and further in view of Quinn et al (Gd-DTPA: An alternative medium for CT). These rejections are respectfully traversed in view of the remarks presented herein.

Claim 1 has been amended to be identical to Claim 2 as previously presented in Amendment C but now rewritten in independent form. As the Office Action stated that Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, so should amended Claim 1. Claims 7, 8, 9 and 15 all depend from amended Claim 1 and therefore should also be allowable.

For at least the reasons stated above Claims 1, 7, 8, 9 and 15 are respectfully submitted to be patentable over the prior art of record.

Claim objections

Claims 3-6 were objected to and found allowable if rewritten in independent form in the previous Office Action as noted above. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, while Claims 4-6 depend from Claim 3 directly (and from Claim 1 indirectly). As Claim 1 should be allowable, so also should Claims 3-6 be allowable.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at telephone number (408) 255-8001.

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